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INTELLIGENCE   RESOURCES   ADVISORY   COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

SUBJECT   :   Reducing Current Year Federal Employment

    The Director of Central Intelligence has requested that his
attached letter to the Associate Director for National Security and
International Affairs, Office of Management and Budget on this subject
be circulated to the IRAC for information.

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Executive Secretary

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

19 September 1974

Mr. Bernard A. Bridgewater, Jr.
Associate Director for National
   Security & International Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.   20503

Dear Dolph:

   I have recently received your letter reaffirming the President's intent of reducing current year Federal employment.

   As you know, the Agency and the Intelligence Community as a whole have been consciously reducing manpower over the past several years. Since the peak in 1969, Community manpower requirements have been reduced some ▓▓▓▓ or about 40 percent of the total work force. This includes a reduction of about ▓▓▓▓ programmed for the current fiscal year. We are planning a continuation of this downward trend in FY 1976 by about an additional 1,000.

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   The Intelligence Community's resource strategy in the past has emphasized reductions in manpower as a means of combating inflationary pressures and providing programming flexibility. We have been fortunate thus far, in that increased productivity and modernization efforts have offset any major deterioration in intelligence capabilities. As I explained to our Congressional Committees, this strategy has about run its course. Having said this, I hasten to assure you that we do not plan any reduction in our resolve to hold manpower to minimal levels and to be responsive to the spirit and intent of the President's goal.

                                        Sincerely,

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                                        W. E. Colby